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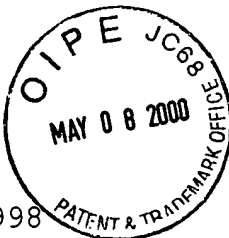
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Gregory S. HAMILTON et al.

Serial No.: 09/204,238

Filing Date: December 3, 1998



Examiner: C. Chang

Art Unit: 1612

For: **MULTIPLE HETEROATOM CONTAINING HETEROCYCLIC RING
COMPOUNDS SUBSTITUTED WITH CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND ISOSTERES
THEREOF**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Official Action dated December 7, 1999. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire March 7, 1999. Accordingly, a Petition for Two-month Extension of Time is attached hereto extending the period for reply to May 7, 2000.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12-13 and 26-71 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein.